

Srinagar to Kanayakumari with Cochin-Salem spur and East-West corridor connecting Silchar to Saurashtra. The alignment of the NHDP has been decided by Government keeping in view the traffic density, length of highways, area and population to be served. NHDP alignment does not run along the west coast. However, Government has decided to provide connectivity to all major ports with the existing National Highway network/NHDP. Such connectivity, which will be provided in the form of four/six lane road in a length of approximately 1000 km, intends to serve the coastal region.

National Highways in Bihar

†1832. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways in Bihar as on 30th June, 2000; and

(b) the steps being taken for repair, maintenance, widening and development of National Highways passing through Bihar together with the total amount spent thereon during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The total length of National Highways in Bihar as on 30th June, 2000 is 3539 kms.

(b) The development and maintenance of the National Highway is a continuous process. Several work for development and maintenance of National Highways in Bihar are presently in progress. A list of the development works each costing more than Rs. 5 crore presently in progress is given in the enclosed Statement. (See below).

The amount allocated for development and maintenance during the previous three financial years are as follows:

Financial Year	Development works (Rs. in Crore)	Maintenance works (Rs. in crore)
1999-2000	118.09	119.08
1998-1999	81.05	33.37
1997-1998	63.42	34.10

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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RAJYA SABHA

Statement

List of Works costing more than Rs. 5.00 Crore

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore)	Executing Agency
1.	Widening to Four-lane from Barawadda (km 398.75) to Barakar (km 441.4) of NH-2	127.00	NHAI
2.	Four-Lanning of Km 410.00 to Km 419.00 and km 470.00 to km 476.150 of Purnia-Gayakota section of NH-31 in the State of Bihar under North-Sourth, East-West Corridor	62.98	NHAI
3.	Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) and its approaches in replacement of level crossing No. 70- A/Spl class at km 530/16-17 on main line between Delhi Howrah at Didarganj in km 196 of NH-30 near Patna	14.7726	Railway

Revival of ITDC hotels

1833. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 282 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government have decided to protect the interest of workers and employees engaged in these ITDC hotels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to revive the loss making ITDC hotels rather than sending them in private hands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Government has accepted the recommendations of Disinvestment Commission in regard to ITDC. So far Hotel operations of ITDC are concerned, the main recommendations of the Commission are as under:—